

and staff of the Energy and Commerce Committee, for consulting with my office on the reauthorization of the Minority AIDS Initiative, and I appreciate all of their work on this bill.

I urge my colleagues to support the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009.

# RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF THOMAS J. ORLOFF

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 22, 2009*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate and honor Thomas J. Orloff on his recent retirement as district attorney of Alameda County. A third generation resident of Alameda County, his 15 years as district attorney capped an extraordinary career of 40 years of service as a prosecutor on behalf of the people of both Alameda County and California. Mr. Orloff joined the Alameda County District Attorney's office in 1970 after graduating from the University of California's Boalt Hall School of Law. He distinguished himself as a trial lawyer, prosecuting many high profile cases including leaders of the Black Panthers and the notorious BGF prison gang. In addition to his trial prosecutions, Mr. Orloff served in many supervisory and administrative capacities including 5 years as the chief assistant district attorney.

Tom Orloff was elected district attorney, without opposition, in June 1994 and has been re-elected in June 1998, June 2002, and in June 2006, all unopposed. During his tenure, he established special units to emphasize prosecutions of domestic violence, stalking, gang violence, real estate fraud, and abuse of the elderly while expanding ongoing efforts to combat public assistance fraud, sexual assault and consumer and environmental crimes. Unlike most elected district attorneys, Tom recently personally tried and obtained the conviction of a street gang member who murdered San Leandro police officer Dan Niemi.

In addition to his work in Alameda County, Tom has given his time to the California and national prosecutors associations, serving as president and on the board of directors of the California District Attorney's Association and as a member of the board of directors of the National District Attorney's Association. Among many legal honors, he has been selected as a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. Active in Alameda County as well, Tom has for many years served on the board and as treasurer of the One Hundred Club which provides financial support to the survivors of Alameda County police officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty and on the advisory board of the Boys and Girls Club of Oakland.

Most importantly, I would like to commend Tom Orloff on his stewardship of the finest prosecutor's office in the country. Every day, since taking office in January 1995 Tom sat down behind the same desk Earl Warren used when he served as Alameda County District Attorney from 1925–1939. He proudly displayed on his office wall a framed indictment signed by both Warren and another Thomas Orloff, Tom's grandfather, then the foreman of the Alameda County grand jury. As only the

fifth Alameda County District Attorney since Warren, Tom has guided a prosecutor's office that has seen remarkable stability and has been characterized by its innovation, creativity, and remarkable commitment to the highest ethical standards.

Prosecutors are the only lawyers who are ethically bound to serve two masters. The public prosecutor, as Justice Sutherland put it in his United States Supreme Court opinion: "is the representative not of an ordinary party to a controversy, but of a sovereignty whose obligation to govern impartially is as compelling as its obligation to govern at all; and whose interest, therefore, in a criminal prosecution is not that it shall win a case, but that justice shall be done. As such, he is in a peculiar and very definite sense the servant of the law, the twofold aim of which is that guilt shall not escape or innocence suffer. He may prosecute with earnestness and vigor—indeed, he should do so. But, while he may strike hard blows, he is not at liberty to strike foul ones. It is as much his duty to refrain from improper methods calculated to produce a wrongful conviction as it is to use every legitimate means to bring about a just one." (Berger v. United States (1935) 295 U.S. 78, 88.)

Like Earl Warren and the four others who separate them, Tom Orloff has demonstrated a profound, personal commitment to the ethical administration of justice. More than anything else, this commitment, on the part of the elected district attorney, to ethics in criminal prosecution sets the Alameda County District Attorney's office apart from the rest. I know that Tom, while proud of his many personal accomplishments, takes his greatest pride and satisfaction in the office of the Alameda County District Attorney. In public life we are all too often confronted with many whose sole purpose in seeking or attaining public office often seems to be self-aggrandizement. Tom is that rare public servant who truly has served the public and who has put the interest of his office ahead of his own.

Tom has demonstrated courage and independence in making many hard and occasionally unpopular choices during his tenure as district attorney, authorizing the prosecution several years ago of several officers of the Oakland Police Department, known as the "Riders" who were accused of a variety of crimes including robbing, kidnapping and framing street-level drug dealers. Most recently, Tom filed murder charges against a Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer who shot and killed a BART passenger. The shooting was videotaped and received a very high level of publicity. This is reportedly the first murder charge lodged against an on-duty police officer in California history.

It should come as no surprise to learn that Tom Orloff has long led the way in hiring women and minority lawyers. Under his watch, and due to his personal commitment, the Alameda County District Attorney's office is now one of the most diverse prosecutor's offices in the country—a special challenge considering the debt most minority law school graduates carry and the small salaries starting prosecutors earn.

One of Tom's former colleagues wrote, many years before she became an associate justice of the California Supreme Court, "If our nation of laws is to remain both strong and free, we must have system of criminal justice

in which every citizen can have confidence. The weight of maintaining this confidence falls on the shoulders of those lawyers who walk into court to represent the People. It is, as it should be, the highest calling of an American advocate." (Carol Corrigan, *On Prosecutorial Ethics* (1986) 13 Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly 537.)

I have known Tom Orloff for many years. In the time he has served as Alameda County's district attorney he has given me the highest confidence that the administration of criminal justice in Alameda County was in the most capable hands possible. To me, he epitomized the prosecutor who always sought justice first. In determining whether to initiate criminal charges he always made what he felt was the right decision, not the popular decision. In the trial courtroom, he fought hard and he fought fair. More importantly, he instilled that ethic in all of his prosecutors. As a result, I share with the citizens of Alameda County an enduring and deeply felt confidence in the work of our criminal justice system. I wish Tom and his wife Pam a long, healthy and productive retirement.

# HONORING ALAN H. JEPSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 22, 2009*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I could not be more pleased than to have this opportunity to rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and outstanding member of the Milford community, Alan H. Jepson. I am proud to join family, friends, colleagues, and community leaders in thanking him for his many years of dedication and commitment as he celebrates his retirement from public life. It is difficult to put into words what Alan means to the Milford community—he is one-of-a-kind.

Alan is a rare individual who has dedicated a lifetime to public service. He bravely left high school after just three years to join the Navy during World War II and proudly served for two years, eight months, and twenty-four days. Upon his return from military service, he went back to high school, earned his diploma, and completed his college degree under the original GI Bill—in just three years, eight months, and twenty-four days. His first professional experience was as the Director of the Junior Achievement Program in Lynn and Salem, Massachusetts. It was this calling that brought him back to Connecticut in 1956 when he became Director of Junior Achievement for the City of New Haven. Moving his family to Milford, Connecticut, it was shortly later that Alan would begin his more than forty years in civic service.

In 1960 Alan was appointed as the Director of the Citizens' Action Commission where he worked with the City of New Haven in connection with the federal requirement of urban renewal. It was through this work that his interest in government, politics and eventually elected office was sparked. In 1962 he found himself chairing a charter revision commission for the City of Milford which required that he work with both Democrats and Republicans to accomplish. Just a year later he ran and was

elected Mayor of Milford—a post which he held for six years. Today, Alan is retiring after serving seven terms as the Town City Clerk—an elected office for which it is said he now runs unopposed out of sheer respect and the knowledge that no one else can truly compete. His years of service to the City of Milford have earned him the respect, admiration, and esteem of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

Alan's commitment to civic service extends far beyond his professional contributions. He has volunteered countless hours to innumerable service organizations. Alan is the former president of the Milford Rotary, has served as a United Way campaign worker as well as on the board of directors of the local Red Cross, and is a former First President of Milford Progress, Inc. Alan was also very involved with the local Boy Scouts where he served as a Volunteer Merit Badge Counselor and instituted Boy Scout Civic Day and Girl Scout Civic Day to promote civic pride and government studies. Alan can also be found giving his words of wisdom as "Uncle Sam" at the annual "Let Freedom Ring" bell ceremony on July 4th and volunteer reading at Milford public schools. And the list goes on. Alan Jepson is a reflection of all that we hope and expect community leaders to be. The City of Milford would not be the same without him so it was a fitting tribute when he was officially named and honored as a "living treasure." Alan's retirement marks the end of an era for the Milford community.

I am so proud to call Alan my friend. He and his late wife, Betty—a remarkable woman herself, welcomed me to their community with open arms and I will forever be grateful for their many years of special friendship and support. It is my privilege to stand today and extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Alan H. Jepson and to wish him, his five daughters; Linda, Susan, Margo, Nancy, and Paula, as well as his eight grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren all the best for many more years of health and happiness.

#### RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 21, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to praise the passage of S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of people with HIV/AIDS who rely on the Ryan White Program, I would like to express my appreciation to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and to the Members of the U.S. House for having voted in favor of extending this important program for four more years. The Ryan White Program is the largest federally funded program for people living with HIV/AIDS. It funds programs to improve availability of care for low-income, uninsured and underinsured people with HIV/AIDS, and it provides funding and technical assistance to local and state primary medical care providers, support services, healthcare providers, and training programs.

HIV/AIDS is one of the fastest expanding epidemics in the United States, affecting more than 1 million people in the country. Over 530,000 low-income people with HIV/AIDS depend on the services provided through the Ryan White program. In my home of New York City, as of June 30, 2008, 104,234 people have been diagnosed and reported to be living with HIV/AIDS, including 63,899 living with AIDS. There are approximately 32,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in New York City that use Ryan White Part A services for medical treatment, support services, and other care that they would not otherwise be able to afford. People with the disease and care providers will benefit greatly from the extension of this program. There is a growing demand for these services because of the increase in infected people; I am pleased that this bill includes an increase in the authorization level for the program by 5 percent every year for the next four years.

The bill passed with strong support from both parties, in a 408 to 9 vote, and it will now go to the President's desk for signing into law. This is a great accomplishment.

Again, I am pleased that this great body understands the importance of this program and will fund it for another four years, but let us please keep in mind that more still needs to be done to end this pandemic.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY CHIEF DAVID P. BARRERE

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 22, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Deputy Chief David P. Barrere.

David Barrere began his career in law enforcement as a Patrol Duty Officer at the 63rd Precinct in Brooklyn, New York on April 25, 1990. He then was assigned to the 32nd Precinct in Harlem as a Patrol Supervisor in 1994, and subsequently as a Sergeant and a Lieutenant at the 75th Precinct for three additional years.

David Barrere was promoted to Captain in 1999, and served as Captain and Executive Officer of the 67th Precinct before his promotion to Commanding Officer of the 76th Precinct in Red Hook, Brooklyn. He continued his remarkable progression through the ranks of the New York Police Department in 2002 when he was assigned as Commanding Officer of the 114th Precinct in Astoria, Queens, where he was later promoted to Deputy Inspector and then to Inspector. In September 2005, he returned to Brooklyn to command the 75th Precinct.

Today, he serves as the Commanding Officer of the Central Robbery Section, where he was again promoted to Deputy Chief. Chief Barrere is currently writing his thesis in Criminal Justice while studying at Long Island University. He also graduated from the Police Management Institute at Columbia University.

Chief Barrere and his wife Patricia of 15 years are the proud parents of three children: Kristina, Jennifer, and David.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Deputy Chief David P. Barrere for his extraordinary record of service

to New York's 10th Congressional District and to New York City at large.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EARL POMEROY**

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 22, 2009*

Mr. POMEROY. Madam Speaker, on October 13, 2009, due to flight delays, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 772, 773, and 774. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 772—"yea"; rollcall No. 773—"yea"; and rollcall No. 774—"yea."

#### RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 21, 2009*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in support of S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act.

There are nearly 40,000 new HIV/AIDS infections reported each year, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention approximately 1.1 million Americans are currently living with the disease. While contracting the HIV virus used to be considered a death sentence in our society, significant medical advances over the past 20 years have turned it into a very treatable condition. Today, many individuals with HIV are living long, happy and productive lives, but there are also many among us who don't have the means to access life-sustaining treatments and social supports.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program was originally enacted in 1990 to provide HIV-related health services to those without sufficient health coverage or financial resources to cope with the disease. Last year, Rhode Island received approximately \$7.2 million in funding and supplied 2,800 people with access to primary medical care and case management services, including \$4.3 million in vital medications.

The bill before us today will authorize the continuation of this very successful program through FY 2013—including emergency relief, comprehensive care and early intervention programs. It will give our local, state and community partners the resources necessary to continue providing compassionate care for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. I strongly support this bill and urge my colleagues to vote in favor of its passage.

#### OCTOBER: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 22, 2009*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, the month of October is recognized around this country as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and